

**Ceiriog Uchaf Community Council / Cyngor Cymuned**

**Minutes of meeting held on Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016 7.30pm**

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

Present : Cllrs GM Jones (Chair), KL Benning, RW Edwards, JW Thomas,  
I Richards, F.Evans Swogger plus Cllr B Roberts & PCSO C2961 Dean Sawyer

Apologies:

Declaration of Interest

Minutes of last meeting : found a correct record. Prop. By Cllr F Evans-Swogger  
& sec. by Cllr I Richards

Matters Arising :

008 Police Report -

Overhanging trees on B4500 is an ongoing issue.

4x4 – 7th Aug 2 calls from Pontfadog

GoSafe – 5<sup>th</sup> Sept Total of 38 speeding offences; 3 in Pontfadog & 15 in Chirk.

Crime reports for Glyn Valley 1) 1 Unlocked property

2) Pontfadog Post Office – white VW Audi

3) 1 domestic dispute

4) 1 Antisocial behaviour

Cllr RW Edwards enquired whether PCSO Dean Sawyer had crime reports for the Llanrhaeadr area as he was aware of thefts from farms there. PCSO Dean Sawyer did not have records for that area.

009 Finance :

Percept of £666.67 received 2 Aug 2016

Current bank balance £7445.25

## External Audit:

Grant Thornton, The Auditor General for Wales, issued Ceiriog Uchaf Community Council an unqualified Audit Report. We will be getting an invoice in the sum of £164.00. However, they drew attention to 2 matters which should be addressed by the council.

- 1) In year budget monitoring – the council has not demonstrated effective monitoring of its financial position, income & expenditure against the budget throughout the financial year. This should be part of quarterly budget monitoring.
- 2) Internal Auditor Engagement letter – the council should ensure that it obtains a letter of engagement from the Internal Auditor.

## 010 Bus Service

Cllr B Roberts WCBC informed the community council that WCBC had completed the due process & that the bus service was now up & running. Wrexham is now paying whereas it was previously financed by the Government.

## 011 Graveyard

Grass cutting has now been completed by WCBC. The roadside hedge now required attention from WCBC.

A complaint has been received regarding the use of weed-killer in the graveyard. The clerk is requested to write a letter.

## 012 Llanarmon Youth Club

The youth club will receive no further funds from Wrexham from next March. There are currently 19 members each Friday evening. Hall rental is £350 p.a. Supervisors may be willing to continue on a voluntary basis. Cllr Roberts (WCBC) noted that children in Glyn pay. Cllr Benning thought that they paid £1 in Llanarmon. Cllr Owen to attend a meeting convened by WCBC “Providers of youth support services”. Jane Claybrook to be invited to attend also. This matter to be tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

### 013 Public Conveniences

WCBC had informed the clerk of their intention to demolish the building in the grounds of the Centenary Hall. WCBC when pushed, have stated that they might allow the Community Council to take on responsibility of the building provided that they take it on in the current state of repair & are responsible for all costs & maintenance.

Clerk had investigated insurance. Public liability is covered by existing insurance. To insure the building to a rebuild value of £10,000 would cost £25 p.a.

Cllr I Richards informed the council that when this was previously discussed in 2013, the costs were as follows;

Water standing rate	£50
Electric “ “	£77
Rates	£200
(Insurance	£25)
Total	<u>£352</u>

Cllr Roberts WCBC informed the meeting that Glyn was paying £3600 p.a to operate their loos.

The clerk was instructed to gain further information from WCBC; could the rates be mitigated if the community took responsibility for the building? (The Centenary Hall pays no rates); Is WCBC able to demolish a building within a conservation area without planning permission?

### 014 Report from Committee Representative

One Voice Wales – Cllr GM Jones to attend meeting

Chirk & Ceiriog Valley Partnership – Cllr Evans-Swogger – nothing to report

Cllr B Roberts WCBC to report any further news on the Highways situation.

Next meeting Tues 11 October 7.30pm